disinvestment policy so far;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and by when the policy is expected to be announced;

(c) the revised estimates of realization of the income by way of disinvestments during the current fiscal year; and

(d) how the low realization is going to affect the proposed plan of action envisaged in the beginning of the year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The budgeted receipts from disinvestment during 2003-04 are Rs. 13,200 crore against which the actual realization till end November 2003 was Rs. 1335.4 crore. There are apprehensions about meeting the target in the face of serious constraints arising as a fallout of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's judgement relating to disinvestment of HPCL and BPCL. However, Government is continuing its efforts to maximise the realisation from disinvestment.

Permanent Membership in Security Council

1006. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UNO propose to expand the UN Security Council to make it a 15 member body;

(b) whether there is a chance for India to become a permanent member of the Security Council; and

(c) the number of Member Countries which are supporting India for a permanent seat in the Council?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) The issue of the reform and the restructuring of the UN Security Council has been under discussion at the United Nations for several years. While there is no specific proposal

by the UN to expand the UN Security Council, an Open Ended Working Group (OEWG) was set up in 1993, where discussions have taken place on all aspects of the reform and restructuring of the UN Security Council. The Working Group, however, has not been able to reach any decisions in this regard.

(b) to (c) There is growing momentum in support of India's candidature for permanent membership of the UN Security Council. Several countries-permanent members as well as others-have openly expressed support for India's candidature either in the UN or in the context of bilateral exchanges. However, it is difficult to anticipate any specific time frame for reform or expansion of the UNSC, in view of the diverse perceptions of various countries on the specifics of such reforms.

Terrorist activities of Pakistan

†1007. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the Pak President's statement made on 3rd October, 2003, that an end to terrorist activities cannot be guaranteed;

(b) whether it is a fact that irritated by the continuous killings of terrorists, Pakistan may wage a nuclear war against India any time;

(c) if so, whether Government have made adequate preparedness to deal with such an eventuality;

(d) whether Government have drawn the attention of America and other countries of the world towards these activities of Pakistan; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Contrary to facts, Pakistani leaders have from time to time stated, *inter alia*, that no infiltration is taking place across the Line of Control, and that it is not possible for Pakistan to ensure a complete end to cross border infiltration.

(b) Pakistani leaders have, from time to time, suggested a deterrence role for Pakistan's nuclear capability.

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